

Past Perfect – Complete Lesson

1. Usage

Past Perfect is used to show that one action happened before another action in the past.

- 1 I had finished my work before he arrived.
- 2 She had left when I called.
- 3 They had already eaten before we met.
- 4 He had gone home before it started to rain.
- 5 We had completed the project before the deadline.
- 6 I had seen that movie before.
- 7 She had studied English before she moved.
- 8 They had lived there for years before they moved.
- 9 He had never tried sushi before.
- 10 We had just started when he came.

2. Structure

Subject + had + V3

- 1 I had worked
- 2 You had studied
- 3 They had played
- 4 He had gone
- 5 She had seen
- 6 It had rained

3. Negative Sentences

Subject + had not (hadn't) + V3

- 1 I had not finished.
- 2 She had not called.
- 3 They had not arrived.
- 4 He had not studied.
- 5 We had not started.
- 6 I hadn't seen it.
- 7 She hadn't come.
- 8 They hadn't finished.
- 9 He hadn't done it.
- 10 We hadn't decided.

4. Questions

Had + subject + V3?

- 1 Had you finished?
- 2 Had she called?
- 3 Had they arrived?
- 4 Had he studied?
- 5 Had you started?
- 6 Had you seen it?

- 7 Had she come?
- 8 Had they finished?
- 9 Had he done it?
- 10 Had you decided?

5. Common Time Expressions

- 1 before
- 2 after
- 3 already
- 4 just
- 5 when
- 6 by the time
- 7 until then

6. More Examples

- 1 I had finished the report before the meeting.
- 2 She had already left when I arrived.
- 3 They had never seen snow before.
- 4 He had just eaten when we came.
- 5 We had planned everything before the trip.
- 6 I had forgotten my keys.
- 7 She had improved her English.
- 8 They had built a house.
- 9 He had lost his phone.
- 10 We had learned a lot.

7. Practice

- 1 I ____ (finish) my work before he arrived.
- 2 She ____ (leave) when I called.
- 3 They ____ (eat) before we met.
- 4 He ____ (go) home before it rained.
- 5 We ____ (complete) the project.
- 6 I ____ (see) that movie before.
- 7 She ____ (study) English before she moved.
- 8 They ____ (live) there for years.
- 9 He ____ (try) sushi before.
- 10 We ____ (start) when he came.